Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 05 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 06 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 04 Dec 2020 at 15:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for drier conditions developing during Saturday then mostly dry on Sunday and Monday. Staying cold with much lighter winds.

Headline for Saturday 05 Dec 2020: Sleet and snow showers at first, mainly in north with rain at lower levels. Then drier with bright spells, best in west. Cold winds easing down.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 05 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 05 Dec 2020

Weather: Rather cloudy with further showers falling as snow above about 700 to 800m. The showers will be mostly over north Highlands and also towards Ben Wyvis, becoming fewer and lighter during the morning. Drier conditions towards Skye and Knoydart will develop in many areas later in the morning and during afternoon with some sunshine.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% mainly in west at first, improving 60% by the afternoon. Extensive cloud cover down around 600 to 700m, lifting and breaking by the afternoon.

Visibility: Mostly poor at first but pockets of good visibility towards West Coast. Visibility improving good in most areas by the afternoon away from any showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	38/47 NE	40/49 NE	33/42 NE	27/34 NE	19/25 NE	17/22 NE	18/22 NE	17/20 NE	14/17 NE
900	34/43 NE	36/45 NE	30/39 NE	24/31 NE	18/24 NE	16/20 NE	16/20 NE	15/18 NE	13/15 NE
600	23/31 NE	22/32 NE	19/28 NE	15/22 NE	11/17 NE	9/13 NE	8/12 NE	8/12 NE	7/10 NE
300	8/33 NE	9/34 NE	9/30 NE	7/24 NE	6/17 NE	5/15 NE	4/15 NE	4/14 NE	4/12 NE
Glen	14/31 NE	16/33 NE	15/31 NE	10/23 NE	8/17 NE	7/14 NE	7/13 NE	6/11 NE	6/11 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-12	-3/-12	-2/-12	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8
900	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-9	-1/-8	-1/-7	-1/-7	-2/-7	-2/-7
600	1/-6	0/-6	0/-6	1/-5	1/-3	1/-3	0/-3	0/-4	0/-3
300	2/-1	2/-1	2/-1	2/-1	3/0	2/0	2/-0	1/-1	1/-1
Glen	5/1	5/0	5/0	4/1	5/2	5/2	4/1	3/1	3/0
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	700m	700m	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Difficult walking conditions with drifted snow at higher elevations and very wet underfoot conditions lower down. Winds easing on the tops but still bitterly cold with sleet and temperatures around freezing.

Forecast for Sunday 06 Dec 2020

Weather: Mainly dry with sunny spells and just a few light showers, mostly over north Highlands, wintry above 700M.

Maximum wind: Light winds at all levels, Mainly northerly with average speeds on tops of only 10mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%. Occasional cloud around 700 to 800m especially in north of area.

Visibility: Very good with fine panoramic views of more distant snow covered tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius rising briefly above freezing early in afternoon.
At 800m: Zero Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m

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